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Title: SPRAYGUN WITH BUILT-IN QUICK-FIT CONNECTOR

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2007. Claims 1-64 are pending. Claims 1-64 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-44 and 59-62 are said to be drawn to a liquid spraying apparatus, classified in Class 239, subclass 345;
- II. Claims 45-58 are said to be drawn to a spray gun, classified in Class 239, subclass 340;
- III. Claims 63-64 are said to be drawn to a method, classified in Class 239, subclass 8.

**Election**

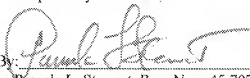
In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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